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**REV CHAUNCEY I. WITHROW**

Pastor of Augusta Street A. M. E. Church, Staunton, Va.—Sixteen Years of Usefulness in the Christian Ministry

## A PASTOR'S MILESTONE

### REV C. I. WITHROW MAKES A FINE SHOWING.

The Remarkable Record he has Made in his Conference Stands Without a Parallel and Meets the Unqualified Approval of the Bishops and his Congregation

The members and friends of Augusta Street M. E. Church, Staunton, Va., celebrated the 16th anniversary of their Pastor, Rev. C. I. Withrow's work in the ministry, December 28-29, 1902. A large congregation assembled Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. to enjoy the special music rendered by the Ebenezer and Augusta Street Choirs, also a solo by Miss Willie A. Anderson, and to hear the splendid anniversary sermon preached by Rev. R. C. Pannell, of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Rev. Pannell preached from Rom. 12:18, and selected for his subject, "Self Control."

In the course of his remarks, Rev. Pannell said: "Paul in all of his reasoning never forgets that we are creatures who have to deal with common life. The individuality of a man is determined by his social relations. Domestic, social, and civil relations are true tests of one's courage, honor and humanity. But for these relations the nobler qualities could hardly find expression—the finer qualities of mercy, sympathy and benevolence would not exist. After all we find that it is the man who has had a trust commit-

ted to him that has an opportunity to prove his honesty."

After referring to his years of hard study in College, followed by ten years work as teacher and lecturer, as a preparation for that greatest of all works, the work of the Christian Ministry, Rev. Pannell said he doubted not the sixteen years of experience in the Ministry had been fraught with many crosses, trials, and temptations, but without these things, we cannot attain unto what we call virtue. "If there were no sickness or accidents, the science of medicine and skill in surgery would be unknown. If there was no such thing as cold, hunger, and ignorance, we should have no need of clothes, shelter, food, fuel, and books. His concluding thought was that the homes, cities, the pulpits, the church of God, the world, want just such men. By far the greatest feature of the anniversary was the Literary Celebration on Monday, Dec. 29, at 7.30 p. m. Mr. W. J. Pryor was master of ceremonies. The Augusta Street choir furnished music. After prayer by Rev. S. M. Tates, Mrs. S. Virginia Bolden sang a solo entitled "Sing Sweet Bird," which was well received. Miss L. M. Anderson then read an excellent essay, subject, "An Aim in Life." Miss Anderson among other good things said: "The three great keys to success are, 'Aim, Energy, and Honesty; without these all efforts are in vain."

Every day we see men and women of great talent but little energy, sitting on the stool of 'do-nothing,' because they have no aim in life. They will not exert themselves enough to push away the obstacles that cross their pathway on the road to success. The world's cry today is for noble-hearted, energetic men and women. Standing on the threshold

of the 20 Century, the signs of the times are calling for the best that is in the Negro race. Let us not be satisfied with present conditions or surroundings—but be forever aiming after higher and better things."

Mrs. R. C. Pannell read a very fine paper on the birth, life, and work of Rev. Withrow. Said she: "In the Pine Tree State was born the subject of this scroll, the same month, the same date twelve months from the date that Gen. Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox C. H. Virginia, setting 4,000,000 slaves at liberty. She very fittingly compared his life and work of many years in College, 10 years as teacher, and 16 years in the Ministry to a river, because 'the business of a river is to flow. Its banks may be beautiful or pleasant—its current strong or sluggish—its skies blue or clouded. Its waters may mirror flowers in spring and ferns in summer, may float the dead leaves in fall or be hemmed in and pressed by the ice in winter—but it must flow on. So he has moved unfalteringly onward; neither beguiled by pleasure or daunted by perils."

Miss Olive Crawford read a very good paper on "What Shall We Read?" As happiness is the highest aim in life, she

## AN OVATION IN TEXAS

### DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON THE CYNOSURE OF ALL EYES.

Enthusiastic Reception Tendered by the Leading Business Men of Houston—Greeted With an Acclaim Rivalled Only by the Welcome Extended to Former President McKinley.

Houston, Texas—In this all but southernmost of southern cities, Dr. Booker T. Washington, the great "apostle of industrialism," the proudest product of the Negro people, was, together with his secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, royally received by black and white citizens yesterday in a way that must have cheered their hearts. This is Mr. Scott's former home, and his friends and neighbors have vied to make the visit a pleasurable one in every possible way. An or-

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**REV E. W. LAMPTON, D D.,**

Financial Secretary of the M. E. Connection—His Report for Current Year Breaks all Existing Records.